

regulate the Legislature so these farmers and businessmen are going to have to abide by two sets of laws. So I ask you today, where are the constitutional rights of these people, these other people that live on the reservations? No one has given me one good reason here today why we need two sets of laws in Nebraska, two sets of laws to enforce, two sets of laws to interpret and I think we ought to just leave it the way it is now. If we allow this to happen to the Winnebago Tribe, who will be next? I have an Indian reservation in my district, the Santee Indian Reservation and they will be next. And if we grant it to these people, well, then why shouldn't we grant it to other groups that ask the Legislature to do this? Let me just talk a little bit more about the gambling on the Winnebago Indian Reservation. It's happening right now. Sure, it's on the Iowa side, but they're not abiding by the Iowa laws because video slots are not legal in Iowa, not at this time, and here, according to an Omaha World Herald reporter says that the Nebraska Winnebago Indian Tribe has installed 80 video slot machines in its bingo hall near Sloan, Iowa. I think our Chairman of the Judiciary Committee confirmed that when he and a group of other senators visited that several weeks ago. So, they're not, they're not abiding by the Iowa law, the same Winnebago Indian Tribe. What makes you think they are going to abide by the Nebraska law?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: I think that retrocession is the wrong way to go. I think that we need to go the other way. We need to, I feel, phase out the Indian reservation, put them into the mainstream of the rest of us citizens in Nebraska. Somebody made the statement that Indians pay federal tax. How much do they pay? They pay very little because this Indian land belongs to the federal government and I'm sure they don't pay much state tax because they don't collect any state tax on the reservation. The only time they pay state tax if they're off of that reservation. Now is not the time for Nebraska to give up any power over its citizens. So I urge you to defeat this resolution.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Next to speak is Senator Schmit followed by Senator Hoagland and Senator Goll.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the